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Temporary Lowering of the Lake

I want to let you all know that I was contacted by the BLHA yesterday late afternoon. They requested that the City temporarily lower the lake not more than two feet in order to allow the excavator which has been removing silt from the lakebed to transit a formerly dry area. The rainfall in the previous 4-5 days had raised the lake level nearly two feet and had started to fill the remaining areas on the southern end of the lake, making it impassable for the excavator. Here's a picture.

Bryan Stuart, BLHA President, tells me that the excavation operation had finished, and once the water recedes, he expects to take no more than an hour to get the excavator out. The City and BLHA are committed to lowering the lake only enough to solve this problem and will close the lower water drain as soon as we can once that is achieved. It is estimated that it will take no longer than 24-48 hours. I very much hope it can be done today. Everybody, cross your fingers.

No one would ever have predicted this amount of rain, and BLHA has been struggling as we have to cope with it. I am grateful to our dam contractors who responded very quickly to this emergency request. You can see the water rushing out in the next picture. It dropped a few inches just while I was there this morning. You may notice an unpleasant sulfur smell from the moving outflow water. That's because it is coming from such a low level in the water where there is almost no oxygen. The good news is that there are no fish that low so we aren't sucking out all the nifty new fish. This will not be an ongoing situation, since the low level drain will only be used in emergencies. When the lake is back to normal, water outflow will be coming from near the surface and there'll be no odor.





Nobody's happy about this situation, but everyone's doing the very best they can to deal with it. I hope we can all remain supportive of each other and see it through together.

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